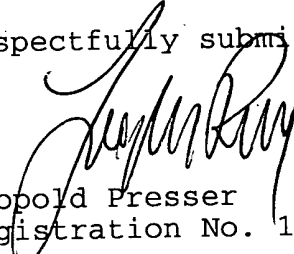


continuing applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims. Claims 15-21 have been amended. Claims 25-27 have been added. Support for claim 25 maybe found throughout the specification, at page 9, lines 3-7 for example. Support for claim 26 maybe found throughout the specification and original claim 16. Support for claim 27 maybe found in the specification, at lines 5-26 of page 17, lines 2-13 of page 20, line 22 of page 20 to line 8 of page 21, and pages 29-31 for example. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments do not introduce new matter.

A new abstract is being submitted to conform to the amended claims. A clean copy of the abstract is attached hereto on a separate sheet, for the convenience of the Examiner.

It is firmly believed that the subject application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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